

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 7, 14 and 22 have been amended. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-14 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,304,456.

The Examiner is respectfully directed to independent Claim 1 which sets forth an embodiment of the present invention that includes:

A housing adapted to receive a circuit board, the housing comprising: a housing body; first and second slots formed in the housing body and located proximate the ends of the housing body, for guiding the circuit board into place and retaining the circuit board after the circuit board has been installed into a final position within the housing body...

Claims 1-14 of Wortman (U.S. Patent No. 6,304,456) do not claim the same invention as do Applicant's Claims 1-14. Claims 1-14 of Wortman (U.S. Patent No. 6,304,456) do not delimit a housing adapted to receive a circuit board that includes "first and second slots formed in the housing body and located proximate the ends of the housing body, for guiding the circuit board into place and retaining the circuit board after the circuit board has been installed into a final position within the housing body" as is recited in Claim 1 (independent Claims 6, 7, and 14 recite similar limitations). Claims 1-14 of Wortman (U.S. Patent No. 6,304,456) delimit a housing adapted to receive a circuit board but do not specify that slots formed in the housing be located proximate the ends of the housing.

Nowhere in Claims 1-14 of the Wortman is it recited that in a housing adapted to receive a circuit board that includes first and second slots formed in the housing body that first and second slots be formed in the housing body and be located proximate the ends of the housing body, for guiding the circuit board into place and retaining the circuit board after the circuit board has been installed. Consequently, Claims 1-14 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,304,456 do not claim the same invention embodiments as do Applicant's Claims 1-14.

Claims 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-7 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,647,618.

Claims 15-22 of Wortman (U.S. Patent No. 6,647,618) do not claim the same invention embodiments as do Applicant's Claims 1-7. Claims 15-22 of Wortman (U.S. Patent No. 6,647,618) do not delimit a housing adapted to receive a circuit board that includes "first and second slots formed in the housing body and located proximate the ends of the housing body, for guiding the circuit board into place and retaining the circuit board after the circuit board has been installed into a final position within the housing body" as is recited in Claim 1 (independent Claims 6, 7, and 14 recite similar limitations). The Claims of Wortman only delimit a method of assembling a circuit board into a housing to form an assembly and do not specify that slots formed in the housing be located proximate the ends of the housing.

Nowhere in Claims 15-22 of the Wortman is it recited that in a housing adapted to receive a circuit board that includes first and second slots formed in the housing body that first and second slots be formed in the housing body and be located proximate the ends of the housing body, for guiding the circuit board into place and retaining the circuit board

after the circuit board has been installed. Consequently, Claims 15-22 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,647,618 do not claim the same invention embodiments as do Applicant's Claims 1-7.

Conclusion

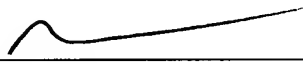
In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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